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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

I. Timeliness, Fees and Certifications in lieu of Fees

- ☐ A. This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application, or within three months of entry into the national stage, or before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b), consideration of this information disclosure statement does not require a fee or a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e). However, should the Assistant Commissioner determine that a fee is, in fact, due, the Assistant

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II. Copies of Listed References

- ☒ A. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being supplied.
- ☐ B. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 have already been supplied during the prosecution of prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____, from which the present application claims priority pursuant to 35 USC § 120. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not now being supplied.
- ☐ C. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the international search report, and

PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in this national stage file. Therefore, copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not now being supplied.

III. Concise Statement of Relevance

- ☐ A. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in the English language, and, therefore, a concise statement of relevance is not required.
- ☒ B. A concise statement of the relevance of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 that are *not in the English language*, is being provided on a separate sheet.
- ☐ C. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the partial search report issued by the European Patent Office and/or the International search report, and an English-language version of the search reports, which indicates the degree of relevance found by that Patent Office, are attached.
- ☐ D. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the international search report, and a copy of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Search Authority, is attached.
- ☐ E. All listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 were cited during the prosecution of the prior application indicated above under II.B.

IV. Additional Information

- ☐ A. In addition to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following abandoned

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or co-pending U.S. patent applications:

[Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of these applications are not being submitted.]

- B. In addition of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the information provided on the attached sheet.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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Concise Statement of Relevance of Non-English References:

EP 0 999 251 A2: This relates to a masking tape composed of a temperature resistant adhesive tape (1) with a paper carrier (2) and a self-adhesive mass (3). A masking paper (5) is laminated at the edge zone (4) of the self-adhesive mass (3), with a good paint bonding and absorbency character. A masking film (6) is laminated at the same edge zone (4) of the self-adhesive mass (3). The masking film (6) wholly covers the masking paper (5) at the side with the self-adhesive mass (3) of the masking tape (1), and is behind when the masking tape (1) is stuck in place. The masking tape (1) can resist a maximum temperature of 130 degrees C for 1 hr. The masking tape (1) has a width of 15-75 mm, and especially 19-30 mm. The masking tape (1) thickness of 100-250 μm and especially 130-200 μm . The paper carrier (2) is creped, can stretch and is flexible. The paper carrier (2) is an unbleached strong paper of 30-40 g/m^2 in a width of 15-50 cm and especially 20-40 cm. The masking film (6) has a thickness of 8-20 μm and a width of 0.5-2.0 m. The masking film (6) is fitted to the masking paper (5) in accordion pleats, to be opened out. The edge zone (4) of the self-adhesive mass (3) on the masking paper (5) and on the masking film (6) is 1-5 mm wide, and especially 2-4 mm. The masking tape is for winding in a roll, where the masking film (6) is folded, and the height of the roll matches the width of the masking paper plus the width of the masking tape (1).

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